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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 10931.0002-15

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Cyril J. SCHWEICH, Jr. et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3762  
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Application No.: 10/073,968 ) Examiner: G. Evanisko  
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Filed: February 14, 2002 )  
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For: HEART WALL TENSION ) Confirmation No.: 8329  
REDUCTION APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

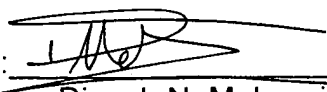
Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action of June 3, 2008. The requisite fee of \$1,110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the concurrently filed Rule 53(b) continuation application and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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